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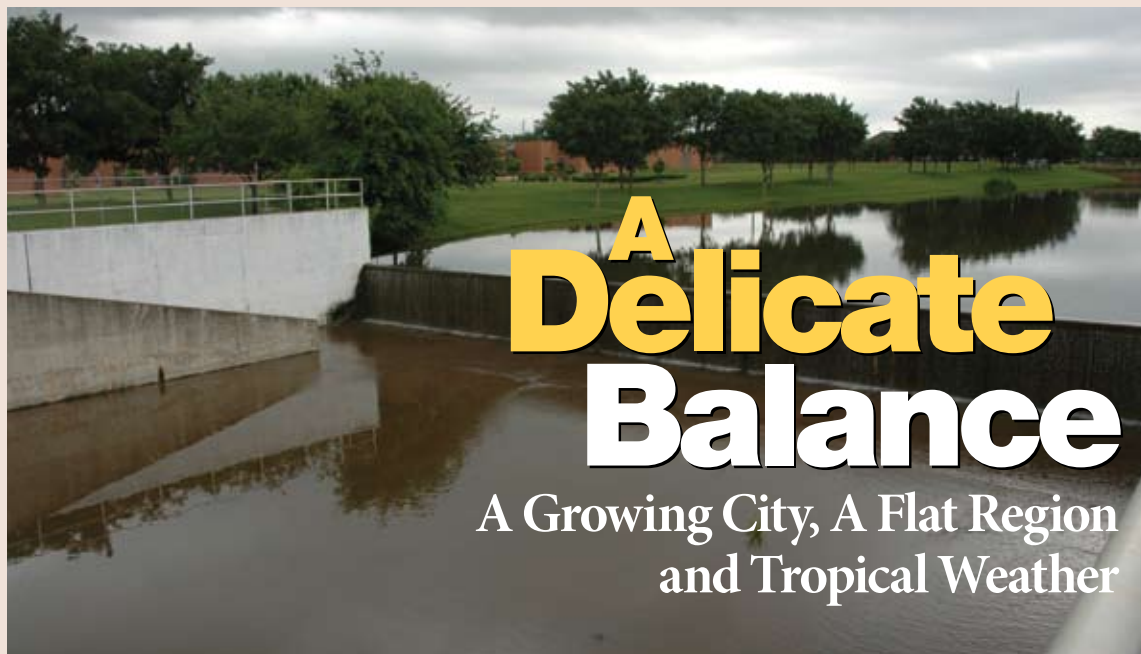


City Council Will Hold Public Hearing On Imperial

In February 2005, Imperial Sugar Company announced that a preliminary agreement had been reached with Cherokee Investment Partners to purchase the Imperial Sugar property. Cherokee intends to close on the property at the end of June.

Cherokee has submitted drafts of a conceptual development plan (called a "General Plan") for the Imperial area and Tract 3 land northwest of the Imperial site, bordered by Voss Rd., Burney Rd. and S.H. 6. City staff have met with Cherokee representatives to communicate City expectations; City Council's role; economic development needs; historic preservation; public interaction and communication; and staff

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A Delicate Balance

A Growing City, A Flat Region and Tropical Weather

The hurricane season is young, and there is the real possibility

Sugar Land could experience

a tropical storm capable of dropping 12 inches or more of rain within a short period. That kind of "rain-maker" could cause some flooding. Sugar Land experienced torrential rains during Tropical Storm Allison. This resulted in minor street flooding with very few instances of structures flooding. (Streets are meant to be drainage channels, providing paths for storm water as well as cars.) Our drainage system—years in the making—works well. Sugar Land's continued quality of life depends on it continuing to work well.

The various drainage facilities throughout the City have been utilized many times to drain high water—and chances are many residents are

A system that moves enormous amounts of rainwater from the City

not aware that enormous amounts of rain water are moving through infrastructure and out of the City.

For 40 years, the City, County, State and Levee Improvement Districts have been working to have adequate drainage in our area. The infrastructure put into place over the years includes levees, outflow channels, ditches, flood water gates, pump stations and detention pond areas. Importantly too, a network of rain gauges, flow monitors and level sensors provide warning that flooding conditions may be imminent.

Drainage isn't cheap. LID taxes can easily approach \$1,000 a year. The City's drainage projects will cost over \$20 million in the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan, 12 percent of the total CIP.

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Sugar Land was founded by visionary people, and our citizens continue today with an eye on the future. Leading the way is our City Council, working not just to maintain our present quality of life, but to expand our recreational and cultural opportunities. This has been a priority for our City for several years, but now our vision requires a sharper focus.

There is prime undeveloped land remaining, so we are partnering with land-owners to strategically build upon these existing land resources.

Critical to our City's future is our vision for the Highway 59 corridor from Ditch "H" just southwest of First Colony to the Brazos River – an area where some very exciting

things are going on.

In May the City Council passed a Resolution stating their intent to establish a Visioning Project to support the City's long term economic viability and quality of life by developing the City along the US 59 corridor as a destination location including entertainment and recreation, education, cultural arts, open space and business and commercial centers.

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To assist in achieving the goal of the project a Visioning Task Force was appointed. Chaired by former city council member Cyril Hosley, the task force is charged to develop a vision and plan for the approximately 1000 acres of undeveloped land. The task force is made up of members of business and community groups.

Over the next few months the task force will be meeting to define both the "big picture" of visioning efforts as well as concrete approaches. What, for example, is our vision of the recreation, entertainment and arts venues in Sugar Land's future? Is Sugar Land to become a destination for tourists? Are the City's goals amenable to business and economic development?

These are not "yes" and "no" questions. In fact, we believe these questions need significant consideration.

We have accomplished much during decades of previous efforts. What we build in the future will have permanence so it is important that we carry the same quality of life to this area as has been established throughout the City.

The task force is working to develop a Vision Statement for City Council's consideration in July. You will be hearing more about this exciting project as the summer progresses.

SUGAR LAND GOALS

- Well-planned community
- Safest city in the area
- Strong local economy
- Responsible city government
- Mobility for people
- Livable neighborhoods

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Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Council members will be hosting their annual District Town Hall meetings in August and September. This is a fine opportunity to meet your District Council member, pose questions and learn about the important issues in your District. If you're not sure which District you're in, go to www.sugarlandtx.gov, and look for Single Member Districts under the City Government tab.

District 1

Dennis Parmer
Aug. 30, 6:30 p.m.
Fire Administration
10405 Corporate Drive

District 2

Donald Olson
Sept. 6, 6:30 p.m.
First Colony Church of Christ
2140 First Colony Blvd.

Districts 3 and 4

Michael Schiff and Russell Jones
Sept. 26, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall
2700 Town Center Blvd. N.

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Congratulations to Sugar Land 101 Graduates

Twenty-eight Sugar Land citizens were acknowledged by City Council May 1 for their commitment to learn more about the City through the 10-week Sugar Land 101 curriculum.

Sugar Land 101 is offered once a year to citizens who want to take a leadership role in the community. The course's 10 evening sessions covered areas such as the City's Capital Improvement Program, economic development, annexation policy, infrastructure and the workings of the fire and police departments. City department heads and managers lectured and discussed their departments with the class attendees.

The next Sugar Land 101 class is scheduled for spring 2008, and applications will be on line in early fall. Go to www.sugarlandtx.gov and click on "Citizen Involvement."



The May 2007 Sugar Land 101 Graduates: Paula Wimmer, Maria Cerny, Carole Mouton, Amy Mitchell, Kris Asper, Mark Smith, Jr., Rosario Guzman, Donna Lentz, Joy Smith, Steve Griggs, Doug Humme, Lars Hagen, Duane Maue, Jake Messinger, Yemi Koyejo, Marilyn Zeig-Scanlin, Christine Roberts, Kenny Hainline, Yaffa Steubinger, Andrew Boyd, Randy Husmann, Mike Rodriguez, Shawn Outlaw, Al Abramczyk, Lucia Street and Jennifer Rush. *Not pictured:* Victor Ndando-Ngou.



Mayor David Wallace and members of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council introduce the "Community of Respect" initiative and the Code of Conduct at the "Big Day Out."

"Big Day Out" A Smash Hit With Residents

Nearly 2,000 residents came out to Oyster Creek Park in April for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council's "Big Day Out." They enjoyed an afternoon of carnival games and field day races and raised almost \$900 for

local service organizations.

As part of the "Community of Respect"—an initiative by The Anti-Defamation League—kick-off, attendees were also able to sign a large version of the Resolution of Respect affirming their

commitment to this initiative promoting tolerance and acceptance of all people. A large version of the MYAC-sponsored Code of Conduct was also available for signing; the Code lists seven behaviors of a respectful citizen.

Interested in Joining MYAC?

Are you a Sugar Land resident and a student between the ages of 14 and 18? Are you interested in having a voice in your local government? If so, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) is right for you.

Applications for the Class of 2007-2008 will be available online at www.sugarlandtx.gov beginning August 1. This year promises to be another exciting mix of educational events and service projects.

For more information about MYAC, call 281-275-2710 or e-mail: myac@sugarlandtx.gov.

Hold Applause Until All Awards Are Announced

The Texas Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) presented an Award of Merit to the City of Sugar Land. The award for achievement in Planning and Analysis recognizes the City's Urban Beautification Policy that was adopted by the Sugar Land City Council in 1998.

The City has invested in various streetscape improvements, such as: ornamental light standards with banners, ornamental traffic signals, static level ponds rather than dry detention and ornamental sign standards and landscaping.

"Aesthetics and livability initiatives continue to be pri-

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Sugar Land Awards

Award of Merit

American Society of Landscape Architects

Mike Hobbs: Texas Chapter Top Public Works Leader of the Year

Public Works Association of America

7th on "The Americas' 40 Top-rated FBO's"

Sugar Land Regional Airport

Aviation International News

Reliever Airport of the Year

Texas Department of Transportation

Rookie of the Year:

Heath Norris, SLPD
100 Club, Inc.



Built in 1930 to serve the Central State Farm prison, the Newland Communities Telfair building is being revived as the Houston Museum of Natural Science satellite in Sugar Land.

Museum Satellite Project Progressing

Sugar Land is progressing on plans to bring a Houston Museum of Natural Science satellite facility inside city limits. An assessment of the former prison building in Telfair is underway to determine the needs, process and estimated costs of converting this 1930's Greek Revival structure into a museum.

This particular project is part of the City's responsibil-

ity, as outlined in a Letter of Understanding signed by the museum, City and Telfair in December 2006.

The City has also committed to spearheading efforts to raise an estimated \$6 million to complete the interior build-out design and construction work. After construction is completed, the museum will contribute an estimated \$3 million for final interior build-out.

UH Breaks Ground on Second Building

The University of Houston System at Sugar Land broke ground this spring for a second building on the campus at U.S. 59 and University Blvd. The 145,000 square foot building will have 66 classrooms, computer labs, science laboratories, a performance hall and a nursing skills laboratory. The City of Sugar Land is committing \$3.5 million to the project through a lease agreement on an adjacent 52-acre tract of land for

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New Office Building Coming To Sugar Land Town Square

Planned Community Developers (PCD) has announced plans to begin construction of a second mid-rise office building in the Sugar Land Town Square across from Perry's Steakhouse and the Sugar Land Marriott. Construction on the eight-story build-

ing will begin this summer with completion expected in the fall of 2008. Pre-leasing of the building is underway.

The building follows the completion and successful leasing of the other major mid-rise office building in Town Square, The Plaza.

The new building will have

185,000 square feet of Class A office space and 15,000 square feet of ground level retail space. Major features will include covered parking, 24-hour security, and easy access to the amenities of Town Square.

The completion of the building will bring new opportunities for companies seeking to locate in the mixed-use environment of Town Square. It will also bring new employment opportunities for the residents of Sugar Land to work closer to home.



Enrollment Nears for Sugar Land Citizens' Fire Academy #5

The Sugar Land Fire Department's fifth Citizens' Fire Academy is scheduled from Aug. 23 to Oct. 13.

Ideal candidates include citizens who will go back to their schools, organizations and neighborhoods and share the information they've learned. The only requirements to participate are a commitment to attend all 10 sessions of the program, be at least 18-years-old and either live or work in Sugar Land.

The course covers fire communications, protective equipment, disaster preparedness and much more. Details of the course can be found on the City's Web site.

Applications for the Citizens' Fire Academy will be accepted online at www.sugarlandtx.gov (go to City Departments) or in person at the Fire Administration offices, 10405 Corporate Drive, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 16 to Aug. 10. For more information, contact Capt. Michael McLemore at 281-275-2859.



Presenting the graduates of Citizens' Fire Academy #4, at a City Council recognition. Pictured (L-R) with Mayor David Wallace are Fire Chief Dannie C. Smith, Asst. Fire Chief Clay Fenwick, Fire Investigator/Inspector James Serrano, Susan Marblestone, Damian Arnold, Hillary Goldstein, Lauren Arnold, Carolyn James, Howard Marblestone, Patricia Hildebrand, Sergio Amaral, Fire Marshal Gerald Cullar, Emergency Management Coordinator Pat Hughes, John James, Fire Capt. Michael McLemore, Fire Lt. Mike Morris, Asst. Fire Chief Jeff Krehmeier. Not pictured is Anne Sullivan.

Advance Preview: The New Fire Station #1



Construction of the new Fire Station #1, 555 Matlage Way, is scheduled to begin this fall with completion of the 10,300 square foot facility expected to take 12 months. The Fire Station's brick facade is designed to mirror the style of the Imperial property. Funded in the last bond election, Fire Station #1 will house a battalion chief, responsible for the coordination of the shift, and an engine company. The Fire Department's Administrative Offices were previously moved to Sugar Land's former City Hall, at 10405 Corporate Drive.

Callers and Dispatchers Are Partners In Life Saving

It is often the quick decisions of an important group of unsung heroes that make the difference—and decide the outcome of emergencies.

Sugar Land's public safety dispatchers quickly size up situations and allocate necessary resources to mitigate calls for help. They also provide critical instructions for callers to follow before help arrives. Their role involves more than sending police to a crime scene or firefighters to a fire. Dispatchers calm, question and advise callers to obtain accurate and

essential information.

Whether responding to fires, highway accidents or medical calls for help, dispatchers are part of a highly trained team of responders.

The nature of a call for assistance determines the type of equipment and personnel needed to mitigate the situation.

The dispatcher's ability to size up situations and allocate the appropriate resources under high stress situations is crucial during

Dispatchers calm, question and advise callers to obtain accurate and essential information.

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Plan Now For The Hurricane Season

The lessons of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita continue to help communities prepare for what residents hope will never happen. Sugar Land was in the cross hairs during Rita but fortunately dodged the bullet. June 1 marked the beginning of another Atlantic hurricane season, and experts predict a busy season. Seventeen named storms are expected in the Atlantic, with nine becoming hurricanes and five expected to develop into major storms (Categories 3, 4, and 5) with wind speed of 111 mph or greater.

Sugar Land is committed to preparation, response and recovery. The City's implementation of the National Incident Management System provides a structure that utilizes all departments and disciplines during emergencies. In addition, considerable work has been done to ensure a coordinated regional response that will facilitate timely state

Preparing For A Storm

Simple planning will help mitigate the effects of these situations and keep families safe.

- Create an emergency plan that includes meeting places, what to do in outages, escape routes, emergency phone numbers, how to turn off gas and water, etc.
- Start putting an emergency supply kit together including the following items:
 - **Food, Non-Perishables:** bottled water, canned juices, canned or jarred baby food and formula, crackers, dried fruit, dry cereal or granola, fluids with electrolytes, peanut butter or nuts, pet food, protein or fruit bars, ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, vegetables and soups.
 - **Medical, Health Supplies:** anti-diarrhea medication, cleansing agent/soap, medicines for fever such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen, prescribed medications and medical supplies such as glucose, albuterol and blood-pressure monitoring equipment; soap and water or alcohol-based hand wash, thermometer, tissues, toilet paper and disposable diapers, vitamins.
 - **Other Supplies:** cell phone, batteries, cash in small bills including quarters for pay phones, flashlight, garbage bags, manual can opener and portable radio.
- If staying in a shelter, make plans for pets.

and federal resources, when needed.

The most important thing citizens can do to ensure the safety of their families is to remain calm and follow instructions from public safety or other officials. However, it's important to prepare now.

Sugar Land mailed a comprehensive Emergency Preparedness Guide to all citizens last year to help with this effort. The publication provides informative checklists on what to do before, during and after emergencies, with specific guidance on hurricane preparedness. Contact the Sugar Land Fire Department's Emergency Management Office at 281-275-2860 for a copy.

The Emergency Preparedness Guide is also available for download at www.sugarlandtx.gov (select "City Services," then "Emergency Management"), where visitors can read more about preparation tips, shelters and more.

Emergency AM Radio Frequency Signing On Soon

Fort Bend County's AM emergency radio frequency is expected to be on the air this summer. The location on the dial is tentatively set at AM 1670.

A 20-foot signal tower at Sugar Land Fire Station #1 will be one of 10 planned throughout the county enabling the emergency broadcasts. Homeland Security grants fund the system, which will be used during a range of situations, including weather-related and manmade emergencies. When not transmitting

In the event of a community-wide emergency situation, the City's Web site, www.sugarlandtx.gov and cable (Time Warner/Comcast) television station, SLTV (Channel 16) will post alerts, information and updates until the emergency situation ends.

emergency messages, county officials plan to broadcast national weather service information.

"The AM frequency signal repeater provides us with

another tool to communicate with Sugar Land citizens at no cost," said Emergency Management Coordinator Pat Hughes. "It's one of the many ways we will quickly disseminate information to the public, and it allows us to deliver these messages without overloading our telephone circuitry."

Signs about the AM radio alert system will be installed along major roadways throughout the county. During active alerts, flashing lights will be activated on the signs.



If you watch SLTV, channel 16, then you probably already

know you can ask the Sugar Land Police Dept. to check on your home should you be gone longer than three days, that the police will do a free "burglar safe" home inspection. SLTV has a lot of public safety information—take a look!

**Time Warner/Comcast
Channel 16**

CERT-ain to be needed in an emergency

The Sugar Land Fire Department is creating Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) to respond to emergencies within neighborhoods.

Utilizing training provided by members of the Sugar Land Fire and Police Departments and coordinated with the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management, Sugar Land's CERT will support first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims and organize volunteers at a disaster site. CERT

members will also assist with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community.

Sugar Land teams will focus on:

- preparedness;
- situation assessment;
- minor emergency medical needs;
- light search and rescue techniques;
- utility control and shut off; and
- debris removal.

Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members will be able to assist others in their neighborhoods or workplaces following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

The first Sugar Land training course is ongoing. Call 281-275-2800 to enroll in future CERT classes.



Turn On, Turn Out and Meet the Neighbors

Neighborhoods throughout Sugar Land are invited to join thousands of communities on Aug. 7 to "Clean Up Crime" during the 24th Annual National Night Out (NNO) crime and drug prevention event.

From 7-10 p.m., residents are asked to turn on their outside lights and spend the evening with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Sugar Land will be hosting a variety

of special events, such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police and fire department personnel and City officials.

Those interested in hosting a neighborhood, block or street party can register at www.sugarlandtx.gov or contact Officer Ron Foster, of the Crime Prevention Unit, at 281-275-2579. The Mayor, City Council members and other City officials will be visiting as many registered parties as possible.

Dispatch

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emergencies.

For 9-1-1 emergencies, citizens should provide dispatchers with the purpose of the call, their address and a phone contact. This information is especially important for cell phone callers, as 9-1-1 calls are routed to the dispatch center in the area where the cell phone service originates.

Citizens with Internet-based telephone services, commonly known as Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP),

should be aware that not all such services provide access to 9-1-1 networks. Sometimes 9-1-1 services are provided but not always the full services customers are used to receiving via regular wire-line telephones. It is important to check with VOIP providers to ensure 9-1-1 calls are routed to traditional 9-1-1 networks.

Sugar Land's dispatchers also handle calls for non-emergency service at 281-275-2525. If in doubt as to whether a call for service qualifies as an emergency, just call 9-1-1.



In emergencies, help is as close as a phone—but be sure to give an address right away.

Grand Opening of Finger Furniture



Finger Furniture Company held a Grand Opening celebration at its new 500,00 sq. ft. corporate headquarters and state-of-the-art distribution facility on May 20, 2007. Pictured, left to right, are Mayor David Wallace, Annie Finger, Robert Finger, Rodney Finger, Amy Finger.

New Animal Shelter On The Horizon

Since their appointment last December, Sugar Land's Animal Control Task Force has studied the issues behind the need for a new shelter facility and assessed community resources to see if a viable volunteer program could be implemented to work in partnership with the City's new shelter.

They also visited several successful facilities in the state. The end result? City Council approved the task force's recommendation of a new, larger shelter facility (4,300 sq. ft.); it will be constructed in



modular units which are low maintenance and easily expandable. Budget for the new facility is \$707,000 and is scheduled to be completed in the last quarter of 2007.

Task force members are Dr. James Cox, Julie Ewbank, Dan Guzman, Donna Hammond, Sharon Rode, Dinesh Shah, Marsha Smith, Suzanne Wege and Fred Williams.

The task force believes there is abundant enthusiasm for the project in the community, and support for the establishment of a non-profit volunteer program to offer aid and assistance to the City's program.

Restaurants Here Get Rigorous Inspections

In terms of culinary delights, Sugar Land has it all. From fast food to five-star gourmet meals, restaurants in Sugar Land must meet stringent sanitation codes. And the good news is—enjoy!

The City's sanitarians have a single major priority: ensuring the safety of food that's served to patrons. By doing this, restaurants will stay busy and their liability is limited.

A sanitation visit begins on the outside:

- Is the building in good condition, free of holes and cracks for pests to enter?
- Windows and doors fit tightly?
- The outside clear of refuse and spoilage?

If an establishment looks good on the outside, that's a very good sign.

On the inside, the sanitarian will look at the plumbing, bathrooms, functional lighting, ventilation, storage and temperature.

- It's critical that restaurant staff be able to see every-

thing—broken glass for instance.

- Walls, floors and ceilings need to be smooth and durable surfaces that are easy to clean. Separate plumbing fixtures are utilized for their specific purpose—mop wash, hand lavatories, three-compartment utensil sink are meant for those tasks only.
- Ventilation should remove humidity and waste air.
- Temperatures are critical of course: for cold products, 41 degrees F. or colder; for frozen foods, 10 degrees F. or less; for hot product storage, 135 degrees F. and hotter; reheated food, 165 degrees F. or hotter. Foods kept warm or hot after four hours are frequently unsafe and typically discarded.

What is of major importance is that the restaurant staff is trained in infection control—to the point that it is second nature.

Sugar Land is one of the safest cities—to enjoy a meal out!





Our Drinking Water Meets or Exceeds All Federal (EPA) Drinking Water Requirements. The City of Sugar Land Public Water System has been rated Superior.

Mission Statement

The Utilities Department takes pride in providing a safe, dependable and effective public infrastructure, rendering a diverse group of services to the citizenry in a responsive, efficient and cost effective manner with a customer oriented approach that reflects the City's tradition of excellence.

2006 H₂O Water Quality Report

Director's Message

The City of Sugar Land Utilities Department is pleased to present its 2006 Annual Water Quality Report. This report describes the City of Sugar Land's water supply and water quality and contains other important information regarding the water we deliver to your tap. As in the past years, we supplied drinking water to our customers within Sugar Land's city limits that met or exceeded all drinking water standards. These standards are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

We achieve this high quality water through state-of-the-art water treatment process, extensive rehabilitation and replacement of distribution system piping, diligent maintenance and operation of facilities, and vigilant monitoring and testing of our water. We spent approximately \$1 million of our Capital Improvement Project funds last year for drinking water supply related projects. Our water production facilities are operated by TCEQ licensed operators,

and our employees receive regular training. Under strict federal and state regulations, TCEQ and our employees take over 100 water quality samples each week throughout the treatment processes and distribution systems. We tested for more than 200 substances, including metals, minerals, volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds, chlorine disinfection byproducts, and radiological compounds to ensure drinking water safety. As always, the results for 2006 are excellent. We met every standard with no violations. The City of Sugar Land's drinking water is top quality.

I hope you will take a few moments to read this important report. We have great confidence in the water delivered to our customers, and we want you to have the same confidence. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns about your water quality, or any of Utilities Department programs.

—SuEllen Staggs,
Director of Utilities



WATER QUALITY OVERVIEW

WATER QUALITY

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is responsible for overseeing the state’s environmental areas, which includes the City of Sugar Land’s water quality. The TCEQ collects and analyzes samples for metals, minerals, volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds, chlorine byproduct compounds and radiological compounds. The TCEQ has rated Sugar Land as having a “Superior” water system, its highest rating.

In addition to TCEQ-required daily process control samples taken at the water plants and system entry points, the City of Sugar Land performs over 80 bacteriological tests monthly in its distribution system, and collects quality assurance/quality control samples at least once a week and voluntarily tests its groundwater wells twice a year.

WATER SOURCE

The City currently draws 100% of its drinking water from 15 permitted wells at five separate groundwater plants. These are deep wells with an average depth greater than 1200 feet, producing water from the Chicot and Evangeline aquifers. The TCEQ completed a Source Water Assessment for the City of Sugar Land, and results indicated that some of our sources are susceptible to certain contaminants. The sampling requirements for our water system are based on this susceptibility and previous sample data. Any detection of these contaminants will be found in this report. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts, please call the Utilities Department at 281-275-2450.



Special Notice for the ELDERLY, INFANTS, CANCER PATIENTS, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune problems:

You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as *Cryptosporidium*, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly or immunocompromised persons such as those who have undergone chemotherapy for cancer, those who have undergone organ transplants, those who are undergoing treatment with steroids, and people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders can be particularly at risk from infections. You should seek advice about drinking water from your physician or health care provider. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-800-426-4791.

Inorganic Contaminants

For each constituent, the Average, Minimum and Maximum Level Columns represent the City’s water testing results.

YEAR	CONSTITUENT	AVERAGE LEVEL	MINIMUM LEVEL	MAXIMUM LEVEL	MCL	MCLG	UNIT OF MEASURE	SOURCE OF CONTAMINANT
2005	Arsenic*	2	2	2	10	0	ppb	Erosion of natural deposits, runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronic production wastes.
2005	Barium	0.229	0.229	0.229	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
2005	Fluoride	0.9	0.9	0.9	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2006	Nitrate	0.05	0	0.14	10	10	ppb	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage, erosion of natural deposits
2005	Selenium	8.2	8.2	8.2	50	50	pCi/L	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines.
2005	Combined Radium 226 & 228	0.5	0	1	5	0	pCi/L	Erosion of natural deposits.
2005	Gross Beta Emitters	3.4	0	5.7	50	0	pCi/L	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.
2005	Gross Alpha	5.8	1.2	10	15	0	pCi/L	Erosion of natural deposits.

* The arsenic value was effective January 23, 2006. In the event of a violation, you will be notified.

Organic Contaminants: TESTING WAIVED, NOT REPORTED, OR NONE DETECTED

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

YEAR	DISINFECTANT	AVERAGE LEVEL	MINIMUM LEVEL	MAXIMUM LEVEL	MRDL	MRDLG	UNIT OF MEASURE	SOURCE OF DISINFECTANT
2006	Chlorine Residual, Free	1.48	1	2.1	4	4	ppm	Disinfectant used to control microbes.

Disinfection Byproducts

YEAR	CONSTITUENT	AVERAGE LEVEL	MINIMUM LEVEL	MAXIMUM LEVEL	MCL	UNIT OF MEASURE	SOURCE OF CONTAMINANT
2006	Total Trihalomethanes	3.3	2.5	4	80	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

Lead and Copper

The 90th percentile score for lead and copper indicates the measure, in parts per billion, that 90% of the homes sampled are at or below.

YEAR	CONSTITUENT	THE 90th PERCENTILE	NUMBER OF SITES EXCEEDING ACTION LEVEL	ACTION LEVEL	UNIT OF MEASURE	SOURCE OF CONTAMINANT
2004	Lead	1.1	1	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
2004	Copper	0.478	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

NOT REQUIRED: Turbidity NOT DETECTED IN REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS: Total Coliform, Fecal Coliform

Abbreviations

MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level
MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal
AL: Action Level
pCi/L: Pico Curie per Liter; measure of radioactivity
ppm: Parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb: Parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)

Definitions

Action Level (AL)

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Constituent

Federally regulated or monitored analyte.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)

The highest permissible level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)

The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)

The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminant.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)

The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

Treatment Technique (TT)

A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

DRINKING WATER AND YOUR HEALTH

SECONDARY CONSTITUENTS

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium or iron), which are often found in drinking water, can cause taste, color and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not the EPA. **These constituents are not causes for health concerns.** Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water. Secondary constituent information is available on the Public Works and Utilities Departments pages of the City's Web site, www.sugarlandtx.gov. From the left menu, cursor over "Water Services" and click on "Secondary Constituents."

OTHER WATER SOURCES

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water before treatment include: microbes, inorganic contaminants, pesticides, herbicides, radioactive contaminants and organic chemical contaminants.

Definitions of Contaminants

Microbial contaminants

Viruses and bacteria which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants

Salts and metals which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and Herbicides

These may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.

Organic Chemical contaminants

Synthetic and volatile organic chemicals which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production; can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants

Naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

DRINKING WATER AND YOUR HEALTH

Notice from the EPA

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color, or odor problems. Presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA and the TCEQ enforce regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-800-426-4791.

IS CRYPTOSPORIDIUM OR GIARDIA IN OUR WATER SUPPLY?

Cryptosporidium and *Giardia* are waterborne pathogenic organisms. Both are naturally present in the intestines of most mammals including humans, and are passed into the environment through urban runoff or sewage disposal system failure. The disease caused by *Cryptosporidium* or *Giardia* can lead to symptoms such as diarrhea, abdominal discomfort, fever, weight loss, malabsorption, or anemia. Although not life-threatening to healthy adults, *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* can be fatal to infants, the elderly, pregnant women, and immunocompromised persons.

Neither *Cryptosporidium* or *Giardia* is found in deep wells such as the City of Sugar Land's which are protected from surface water contamination. For more information about *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* and other microbial contaminants, contact the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

CITY OF SUGAR LAND PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

Your Water System

1.

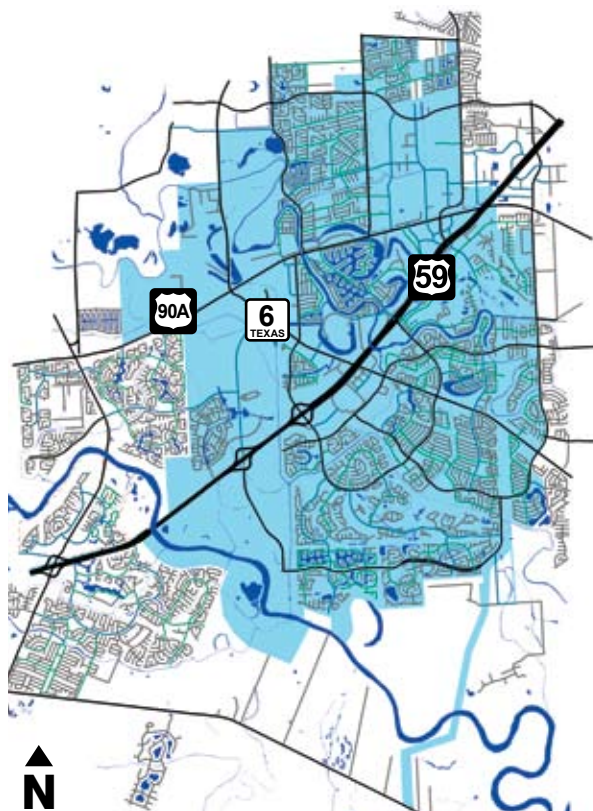
Our water comes from high-quality groundwater sources, and is pumped from deep wells into one of our groundwater plants.

2.

Even though our groundwater is already of excellent quality, chlorine is added at our water plants to protect the finished water against microbial contaminants as it travels through the water system. At the same plants, a fluoride supplement is added to help prevent tooth decay. Corrosion inhibitors are also added to reduce corrosion of metal components within the homeowner's private plumbing system.

3.

Your water then travels to your residence or place of business where you are provided with top quality and absolutely safe, superior-rated water.



UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist the EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

WATER SECURITY

To ensure the safety and security of the City of Sugar Land's water infrastructure and treatment facilities, we are in the process of implementing tiered security measures. The Phase I improvement has been completed and Phase II will start in the near future.

The water system described in this report serves customers within Sugar Land's corporate city limits.

OUR WATER SUPPLY FUTURE

The bright Texas sun glinting off the surface of Oyster Creek hints at future changes for Sugar Land's drinking water supply. Beginning in 2013, the Fort Bend Subsidence District will require that an eventual 60% of the City's total water use comes from sources other than groundwater wells. While this mandate is a challenge, the City has been planning for the conversion process for several years and is working aggressively to ensure the lowest cost, best quality future drinking water supply for our residents.

Sugar Land has acquired 20 MGD (million gallons per day) of raw surface water from the Gulf Coast Water Authority and 15 MGD from Fort Bend County WCID 1, and City staff are putting the finishing touches on defining the most effective strategies to implement the conversion process. The City will file a Groundwater Reduction Plan by January 2008 that will lay out for the Subsidence District our roadmap for conversion. The City's Groundwater Reduction Plan will include the City, its ETJ communities, and private well owners within our borders. The current plan is to meet a majority of our conversion requirement through the construction of a phased surface

City of Sugar Land Water Production & Distribution Profile

Annual system demand:	5.4 billion gallons
Maximum peak daily demand:	21.1 million gallons
System capacity:	39.1 million gallons/day
Daily average demand:	14.8 million gallons
Daily average demand per capita:	194 gallons
Number of wells:	15
Average well depth:	1,250 ft.
Ground storage facility:	9.67 million gal.
Elevated storage facilities:	5 towers/4.5 million gallons
Miles of distribution line:	360
Number of water meters:	23,528
Number of fire hydrants:	2,945
Number of valves:	7,247
Supply ground water source:	Chicot, Evangeline Aquifers

water treatment plant.

The future surface water treatment plant will be located near Gannoway Lake and the raw water supply will come from Oyster Creek. Although some customers who are sensitive to taste and odor in their drinking water may notice a difference in these characteristics between surface water and ground water, properly treated surface water is safe and of superior quality. In fact, the federal and state regulations on surface water are much more stringent than those on groundwater. The City will be employing state of

the art water treatment technology and implementing a multiple barrier approach to ensure our residents continually receive superior quality drinking water. City staff has begun to plan for increased source water protection through more involvement in the management of the Oyster Creek watershed, which is the first step to prevent or control contaminants from entering our future drinking water source.

In the mean time, the City is evaluating and actively engaging any opportunities to reduce the costs of conversion for its residents.

The Telfair development and the Lake Pointe development have already entered into partnership projects with the City in which we will supply raw surface water to meet the non-potable needs of these communities. Several other non-potable projects are being evaluated and pursued, including additional pump stations on Oyster Creek. Serving raw surface water is much less expensive than serving treated surface water for non-potable water uses. In addition, the Subsidence District grants credits for any conversion that the City undertakes prior to its deadlines, which provides a strong incentive for the City to seek out non-potable opportunities in the short-term due to the savings they generate.

The combination of these efforts will yield a safe and high quality drinking water supply, a cleaner watershed, and help combat the regional subsidence that poses a problem for everyone. In the coming months, the City will continue to explore other cost-reducing measures, including increased water conservation efforts. As we move towards implementing conversion, Oyster Creek, the historic lifeblood of the City, will now once again prove to be one of our most valuable assets.

CUSTOMER SERVICE IS OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY

We take pride in the water that is provided to our customers and we are continually striving to improve our service to you.

To accomplish this goal... we need your help. Any time you find your water quality or service response is below your expectations, please contact us at 281-275-2540. We will respond promptly and professionally.

To learn about future public meetings concerning our drinking water or to request to schedule one, please call us at 281-275-2450.

EN ESPAÑOL

Este reporte incluye información importante sobre el agua para tomar.

Si tiene preguntas o quiere discutir sobre este reporte en español, favor de llamar al tel. 281-275-2450.



CITY OF SUGAR LAND

Utilities Department

111 Gillingham

Sugar Land, TX 77478

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Highway Projects On Schedule

There's no question that traffic mobility in and around the major highway projects will be improving as the projects move toward completion. And they are moving toward completion faster than expected.

U.S. 90A will double its capacity, from four to eight lanes between U.S. 59 and Brooks St. The U.S. 90A project is on schedule. New lanes between Oyster Creek and Dairy Ashford will open by the end of summer, ahead of schedule. The sound walls at Venetian

Estates and barrier walls at Alkire Estates were completed in May.

U.S. 59 is being widened from S.H. 6 to S.H. 99 from four to eight lanes with dual HOV lanes and continuous frontage roads. In mid-July, new lanes will open on U.S. 59 between S.H. 6 and University Blvd.

Construction crews continue to set beams at the S.H. 6/U.S. 90A intersection. S.H. 6 will bridge both U.S. 90A and the Union Pacific railroad tracks by fall 2007, ahead of schedule.

The City of Sugar Land and TxDot would like to remind citizens to please drive with extra caution in construction areas.



Major City Intersection Work Coming This Summer

Turn lane improvements at four intersections should dramatically improve mobility in these areas. Each location will be under construction for approximately 45 to 60 days. During the planning process, much consideration was given to minimizing tree removals. For questions, contact the Public Works Department at 281-275-2450.

Williams Trace Boulevard @ Lexington Boulevard:

- The single left turn lane on southbound Williams Trace becomes a dual left turn lane.
- An exclusive right turn lane will be added from westbound Lexington onto northbound Williams Trace.
- The existing eastbound single left turn lane on Lexington will be extended.

HWY 6 @ Town Center:

- Increase the lane length for the left turning traffic on S.H. 6 (northbound) onto Town Center Blvd. (southbound).
- Close both north and southbound dedicated left turn lanes on S.H. 6 between Town Center Blvd. North and Lexington, removing the concrete median divider and replacement with raised median.

HWY 6 @ Lexington Boulevard:

- Add a second dedicated left turn lane on S.H. 6 (eastbound) onto Lexington (northbound).
- Extend 100 to 150 feet of lane length to the existing inside left turn bay on S.H. 6 (westbound) onto Lexington (southbound).

West Airport Boulevard @ Eldridge Road:

- Add a dedicated right turn lane on Eldridge (southbound) onto West Airport (westbound).
- Add a dedicated right turn lane on West Airport (westbound) onto Eldridge (northbound).
- Add a second dedicated left turn lane on West Airport.

Partnership Progress



Throughout the entire construction process, Sugar Land residents can stay informed of closures and detours:

- **Visit** the highway construction link on www.sugarlandtx.gov.
- **Watch** SLtv 16 for videos and other information.
- **Subscribe** to E-news at www.sugarlandtx.gov for e-mail updates.
- **Watch** for message and detour signs on the roadway.
- **Call** the telephone hotlines 24/7:

City of Sugar Land
Highway Hotline

281-276-9959

TxDot Public Information
Hotline:

713-802-5074



2007-2008 Budget Process Underway

The City's fiscal year is October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008, and the budget process has begun. City Council reviews the budget during this summer. The budget establishes the annual appropriations necessary for City departments to provide services.

Sugar Land's budget process begins with the City Council establishing a strategic plan that sets the overall

vision and broad goals for the future. These goals include continuing to maintain the high quality of City services to a broader base of citizens. The budget process allows departments to evaluate the resources needed to maintain the current level of services, along with opportunities for new and expanded services.

Last March, the management staff met with City Council to identify priorities

for the development of the budget. Departments are evaluating these priorities and preparing budget proposals to meet these identified needs for consideration in the City Manager's proposed budget. The City Council received a preview of the projects proposed for inclusion in the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan at their May 1st meeting.

The City Manager has overall responsibility for the

fiscal year 2007-2008 annual budget and the 2008-2012 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan that will be filed with City Council on July 24th. Budget workshops are planned for August. A public hearing on the budget will be held at City Council's regular scheduled Aug. 21st meeting. All meetings are open to the public. Adoption of the budget and tax rate are tentatively scheduled for September.

services



The community meeting, April 25, at City Hall.

Pedestrian-Bike Plans Emphasize Safety and Mobility

A Network of Routes Throughout the Community

For nearly a year, a task force of citizens from various neighborhoods throughout the community has been working with the City's Parks and Recreation Department staff to identify appropriate trails and routes throughout the City and ETJs.

At a recent community meeting, citizens had a chance to view large maps of City

neighborhoods with proposed trails and speak one-on-one with City staff. Feedback is coming from residents, the citizen task force, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Planning and Zoning Commission and corporations. City Council will then have the opportunity to review the plans.

Emphasis on Pedestrian and Cyclist in Town Center

The City is also involved in a Town Center Pedestrian-

Bicyclist Study, jointly funded by the City and the Houston-Galveston Area Council. Here the focus will be on improving—and creating—patterns of mobility for pedestrians and bicyclists in and around the City's center, the acreage surrounding the intersection of U.S. 59 and S.H. 6. This Pedestrian-Bicyclist study focuses on the origin of the trip—having the option to journey to Town Square as a walker or cyclist.

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parkland, hike and bike trails, a recreation center and athletic fields.

The new building will be shared by UH and Wharton County Junior College; a full undergraduate curriculum will be offered in numerous majors. When it opens in 2008, the campus will accommodate about 4,000 students. The current facility, the Albert and Mamie George Building, will serve as an instructional site and as the administrative headquarters for UHSSL and WCJC.

There are 34 graduate and undergraduate programs at UHSSL.

Interested in knowing more about some of the topics in this SLT? At www.sugarlandtx.gov you can find archived City press releases back to 2002—and much more. There's Ask City, Hot Topics and the Press Room. Check it out!



THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Sugar Land hosts Trash-Off and Earth Day activities

Our City is a lot cleaner thanks to the pick up efforts of participants in Keep Sugar Land Beautiful's 4th Annual Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off.

This volunteer event is Sugar Land's contribution to the Great American Cleanup, an annual nationwide effort sponsored by Keep America Beautiful. This year, 318 volunteers donated 700 hours to collect more than two tons of trash throughout Sugar Land!

Sugar Land, Fort Bend County, and Keep Sugar Land Beautiful partnered to provide residents with a series of Earth Day activities.

About 600 pieces of electronic equipment and 185 cell phones were diverted from the landfill, the Fort Bend County Women's Center had collected one 17-foot box truck of clothing and household items, the Sugar Land Lion's Club had received 146 pair of eye glasses and 77 eye glass cases, and Shred-It had shred 80 copy-paper size boxes of material, equivalent to 26.6 trees.

Imperial

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organization to proceed through the development process and various agreement negotiations.

On April 26, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing to gather input. The Commission recommended acceptance of the development plan to the City Council. The City Council is scheduled to hold its own public hearing on June 19 with possible action on June 26.

The development plan includes the following highlights:

- Intent to comply with a City of Sugar Land resolution regarding historic preservation of Imperial buildings (Char House, water tower) and intent to build on that theme throughout the development
- General compliance with Land Use Plan and green-

ways/open space component in Tract 3; preserving natural areas

- A future aviation easement
- Open greenbelt along East/West arterial
- Trail access throughout the development
- Compliance with the Thoroughfare Plan – East-West connection between S.H. 6 and Burney Road and potential for a future University connection to 90A.

Once the City Council has approved the General Plan, the developer will be required to rezone the property to appropriate classifications in compliance with that plan. The applicant will submit Planned Development District rezonings (PD's) in the future. These are zoning districts that are tied to specific layout plans, and present an opportunity for public interaction throughout the zoning process.



When To Call

Public Works and Utilities is there to help, 24/7!

Please call 281-275-2450

If you have questions or concerns regarding:

- Capital Improvements
- Mosquitoes
- Street Light Outages
- Rights-of-Way Permitting
- Sewer Stoppages
- Solid Waste
- Storm Drains
- Stormwater or Surface Water Regulations
- Street or Sidewalk Repair
- Traffic Signs Or Signals
- Water Leaks, or
- Water Quality

Normal working hours are Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Fridays 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Awards

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orities for our community," said City Manager Allen Bogard.

Mike Hobbs was named Top Public Works Leader of the Year by the Texas Chapter of the Public Works Association of America.

Hobbs has been with the City 19 years, initially as manager of the Capital Improvement Plan for the City's streets and utilities. Today, as director, Hobbs oversees the City's streets, drainage, environmental and solid waste and traffic management areas.

Sugar Land Regional Airport ranked 7th on Avia-

tion International News' The Americas' 40 Top-rated FBOs. FBOs, or fixed base operations, encompass fuel and aircraft maintenance, passenger and pilot amenities and facilities at the airport.

The airport was also recently named Reliever Airport of the Year by the Texas Department of Transportation, Aviation Division.

The Federal Aviation Administration categorizes reliever airports as general aviation airports located in large metropolitan areas that serve to add additional capacity to major corporate and general aviation airports busy with commercial flights.

Sugar Land Police Department officer Heath Norris

was named Rookie of the Year by the 100 Club, Inc., at their 53rd Annual 100 Club Heroes Program. The award cited Norris's keen ability and strong work ethic. The 100 Club represents police officers and firefighters in an 18-county area around Houston.

Drainage

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One example of the local drainage process—and its complexities—is Ditch H. Running north to south from S.H. 6 to the Brazos River, Ditch H is essentially a huge drainage outlet. As long as the Brazos River level can accommodate the inflow from Ditch H, huge amounts of rainwater will be

Anyone who knows about drainage and the possibility of flooding will advise homeowners to have flood insurance. A typical homeowner's policy does not carry flood insurance, and in Sugar Land only 12 percent of homeowners have flood insurance. For more information about purchasing flood insurance, go to the official National Flood Insurance Program site, www.floodsmart.gov.

diverted from the City.

The AMIL Gates, located near S.H. 6 and Brooks St., is another drainage mechanism; the gates are self-regulated—working much like the flotation ball in a toilet tank—and will drain high water from Oyster Creek via Brooks Lake into

Ditch H.

The Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) is re-evaluating flood protection levees nationwide. The FEMA process incorporates the latest topographical data and updated hydrologic and hydraulic models to update Flood Insurance Rate Maps. A potential need to increase levee heights is a central issue in the FEMA flood insurance mapping update program.

"The City's key role is as floodplain administrator within the corporate limits," says City Engineer Chris Steubing. "The City intends to be an active participant, and we hope our efforts will ensure that flood hazards for residents and businesses are mitigated and that residents and businesses can obtain affordable flood insurance." By being active in the process and the solution, the City will avoid delays in "local



In this aerial photo looking southeast, U.S. 59 crosses over Ditch H which goes to the Brazos River. At right is the LID 17 pump station used to drain water from Telfair in extreme events.

concurrence" with the FEMA process.

Levee Improvement Districts throughout the area have been diligent in anticipating potential issues and developing advance solutions. Fort Bend County has also been proactive, providing funding to enhance the accuracy of FEMA's work.

City staff presented a Workshop to City Council on April 3 to outline the City's involvement in the

levee recertification process as it relates to areas affected by levees and those not affected. The City:

- Supports FEMA's effort to verify levee safety;
- Intends to facilitate the process and work with all stakeholders;
- Wants an efficient and long-lasting solution;

- Supports a comprehensive approach and solution.

City Manager Allen Bogard notes, "Our highest priority is the safety of our citizens. We funded expansion of the Map Modernization Program, adding Oyster Creek to FEMA's Brazos River study. This ensures that our current and future residents and businesses have the benefit of complete and accurate floodplain information."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) continues its nationwide program to update flood insurance rate maps (FIRM) and certify all levee protection systems in the nation. As part of this program, the preliminary maps for Fort Bend County are scheduled for release in early 2008. FEMA's final findings may necessitate raising levee heights in some cases. The City supports and is working with Fort Bend County Drainage District and Levee Improvement Districts to continue proactive planning for design and construction of drainage projects.



The AMIL Gates serve as flood control gates in extreme events and help divert water from Oyster Creek to the Brazos River.



City Hosts Glorious 4th Celebration

Come out and celebrate Independence Day with the largest fireworks display in Fort Bend County at the City of Sugar Land's 22nd annual Red, White & Bluefest at Oyster Creek Park on Wednesday, July 4th, from 5 to 10 p.m. There will be live entertainment by The Mike Mancy Band and 100 acres of food and activities for the entire family.

The event begins with the Faces of America parade featuring local community groups followed by the Patriotic Pet contest where pets in their finest patriotic garb compete for the title of most patriotic pet. The 20-minute fire-



works display will begin around 9:30 p.m. To avoid traffic, a shuttle service will be provided from Mercer stadium, 16403 Lexington Blvd., to Oyster Creek Park from 4:30-11 p.m. If conditions permit, parking will also be available on the easement at Oyster Creek Park, 4033 State Highway 6 South.

For more information or to volunteer, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 281-275-2885 or visit us on the Web at www.sugarlandtx.gov.

For participation in the Faces of America parade, contact the Parks and Recreation Office on or by June 25.



SUGAR LAND TOWN SQUARE HAPPENINGS

June 29

7-9 p.m.
Concert in the Plaza

June 30

10-11 a.m.
*Sugar Land Town Square's
Complete Makeover
Challenge*
7-9 p.m.
Sugar Land Superstar
(presented by David Taylor Cadillac)

July 6

7:30-8:30 p.m.
Children's Summer Series

July 7, 14, 27

7-9 p.m.
Concert in the Plaza

July 13

Starts at 9 p.m.
Classic Movie Series
"Casablanca"

July 20

7:30-9 p.m.
Dancing under the Stars

July 28

7-9 p.m.
Sugar Land Superstar
(presented by David Taylor Cadillac)

Leisure Classes

Call 281-275-2885
for registration information
(Fees slightly higher for non-residents)

Duplicate Bridge

*Sue Williams, certified ACBL
Director and Teacher*

When: Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to
12:30 p.m., 2nd, 4th and 5th
(when applicable) Thursday
of the month
1 to 4:30 p.m.

Fees:

Resident - \$4 per game

No experience? No problem!

Play will accommodate all
levels of experience!
Space is limited, so reserve
your spot today!
First Colony Conference
Center
For more information call:
281-980-9588

Karate

Where: Eldridge Park
When: Tuesdays
June 5-30
Uniform required (\$30)–
can be purchased from
instructor
6 p.m.: Beginners
Ages 5 – 12
7 p.m.: Advanced
Ages 5 – 12
8 p.m.: Adult
Fees: Resident - \$40

Tennis Lessons

Fort Bend Tennis Services
City Park Tennis Courts
For more information on dates
and times, call:
281-980-4219

Jazzercise

When: Monday, Wednesday
and Friday, 8:15 a.m., 9:30
a.m., 4:30 p.m., 5:40 p.m.
Tuesday: 5:40 p.m.
Thursday: 9:30 a.m. and
5:40 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.

Where: First Colony
Conference Center
3232 Austin Pkwy.
For more information call:
281-437-7157
www.fortbendjazz.com

Senior Jazzercise

When: Tuesday 9 a.m.
Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Ages: 50 years and older
Where: Sugar Land
Community Center
For more information call:
281-437-7157
www.fortbendjazz.com

Tai Chi

Donna Kish
When: Wednesday
7 p.m.: Beginner
Sugar Land Community
Center
Ages: 14 - Adult
Fees: Resident - \$7 per class

Senior Tai Chi

Donna Kish
When: Wednesday, 9 a.m.
Where: Sugar Land Senior
Center
Ages: 50 years and older
No fee

Ballet Flamenco

Yvonne Robertson
When: Monday
▪ *Beginner* (ages 4 – 12)
4:15 p.m.
Fees: Residents - \$35 per
month
▪ *Intermediate I* (ages 5 – 12)
5:20 p.m.
Fees: Residents - \$70 per
month
For more information on attire
call: 281-460-2412
Where: Lost Creek Center

Senior Adventures

Interested in fun and exciting programs for the young at heart? For information about senior activities or to sign up for "Sweet Notes," call 281-275-2893 or email seniors@sugarlandtx.gov. All programs, activities and special events are held at the newly renovated Sugar Land Senior Center (200 Matlage Way) unless otherwise noted.

Marksville Casino Trip

Tuesday and Wednesday,
July 17 and 18.

Galveston Island Musicals

South Pacific
Friday, July 13, depart at 10:30
a.m.

Big River

Thursday, August 2, depart at
10:30 a.m.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Thursday, August 16, depart
at 10:30 a.m.

Sam Houston Boat Tour

Friday, July 27, depart at 9 a.m.
Join us as we explore the
Houston Ship Channel from
the comfort of the M/V Sam
Houston, lunch at the Monu-
ment Inn.

Astros Baseball

Thursday, August 30, depart
at 11:30 a.m.
Registration begins July 28.

Senior Special Events

All Star Baseball Watch Party

Tuesday, July 10, 5 - 10 p.m.
Cost: Request donation of
nonperishable food items.
Pre-registration is requested.

Casino Night

Tuesday, July 24, 6 - 10 p.m.
The Sugar Land Speakeasy
makes its debut. Ten nonper-
ishable food items or a \$10
donation to Fort Bend Seniors
Meals On Wheels gets you
\$5,000 in chips.

Senior Summer Bash

Monday, August 6, 5 - 8 p.m.
Here is a chance to bring out
your grandchildren and show
them your dance moves to
the sounds of the 50's and
60's.

Pool Tournament

Saturday, August 18, 1 p.m.
The Senior Citizen double
elimination Pool Tournament.

Senior Activities

Hi Tech/Low Tech

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon
– Computers; June 27
– Cell Phones; July 11 & 25
– GPS, MP3's, iPods; Aug. 1-8

Senior Safety

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

July 10: Basic First Aid

August 14: Public Assembly
Fire Evacuation/ Sheltering In
Place

Visit the Parks and Recreation Web pages at
www.sugarlandtx.gov

VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

Volleyball Anyone?

Who: Girls entering 6th, 7th or 8th grade

What: Two camps, based on volleyball experience

Where: Fort Settlement Middle School

When: July 30 to August 2
Resident Fee: \$65
For times, call 281-275-2885



SUGAR LAND DAY CAMP

SIZZLING SUMMER SCHEDULE!:

(Includes weekly field trips)

June 25 - June 29:

Camp Pine Tree

July 2 - July 6:

Schlitterbahn Galveston

July 9 - July 13:

The Ocean Star

July 16 - July 20:

Bayou Wildlife Park

July 23 - July 27:

Scuba Houston

July 30 - August 3:

Miller Outdoor Theater

August 6 - August 10: AMF Bowling

August 13 - August 11: Schlitterbahn Galveston



In addition to these field trips, we will be visiting these locations:

- Incredible Pizza Company
- AMC Theater
- Sugar Land Town Square
- City Park Pool

Rates:

Residents (9 a.m. - 6 p.m.): \$115.00 per week; extended hours (7 a.m. - 6 p.m.): \$140.00 per week
Call 281-275-2885 for registration and non-resident info.



Senior Activities (cont'd)

Senior ID's

ID cards issued at the Center can be used anywhere in case of an emergency. Senior ID's are made at the Sugar Land Police Department (1200 Highway 6 South) on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. - noon.

AARP Driver's Safety Course

Wednesday and Thursday, June 20 & 21, Wednesday and Thursday, July 18 & 19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Senior Center Goes Wi-Fi!

Now, seniors can surf the Web using wireless technology!
For more information call 281-275-2893
or email seniors@sugarlandtx.gov

Couch Potato Shortage in Sugar Land!

Are we fit or what? For the fourth consecutive year, Sugar Land has been named the "Fittest City in Texas" for its population range in the Texas Round-Up Governor's Challenge. Sugar Land also won in the new Municipal Organization Category for 500 plus employees as well as 11 additional category wins.

Texas Round-Up is a statewide fitness initiative established by Governor

Rick Perry to encourage Texans to live a more active and healthy lifestyle. The nonprofit organization Shape Up Sugar Land, comprised of community and business leaders, was instrumental in helping the City retain its "Fittest City in Texas" title.

To see all the winning Sugar Land organizations and individuals, go to www.sugarlandtx.gov.



calendar

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	Date	Event	Time	Location
JULY	3, 17, 24	City Council	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
	4	Independence Day <i>City Offices closed</i> Red, White and Bluefest	5 – 10 p.m.	Oyster Creek Park
	10	Planning and Zoning Commission Parks Advisory Board	7 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	City Hall
	26	Planning and Zoning Commission	7 p.m.	City Hall
AUGUST	2, 9, 14, 16, 23	City Council Budget Workshops	7:30 a.m.	City Hall
	6	Senior Summer Bash	5 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Community Center
	7	National Night Out	7 – 10 p.m.	
	7, 21, 28	City Council	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
	12	Municipal pool open for weekends only through September 3	11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	225 Seventh St.
	14	Planning and Zoning Commission Parks Advisory Board	7 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	City Hall
	23	Planning and Zoning Commission Citizens Fire Academy begins	7 p.m. 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.	City Hall Fire Administration 10405 Corporate Drive
	30	District 1, Town Hall Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Fire Administration



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